

DUG OUT

And Sped Swiftly to the Tall Timber.

Seven Prisoners Quit Their Sojourn at the Summit County Jail.

A remarkable escape from the Summit county jail was effected Saturday evening by seven prisoners, and four more could have followed had they desired to do so. The men dug their way out from the basement, making an excavation under the floor of the south corridor, and tunnelling out under the wall.

The men who escaped are Walter Wolf, of Jamestown, N. Y., accused of stealing \$40 from an employee at the Buchtel hotel; Dan Myers, of Barberton, accused of assault and battery; James Turner, of Barberton, horse stealing; Chas. Warner, of Columbus, attempted burglary; Harry Williams, of Barberton, embezzlement; Henry Squires, of Akron, robbery; Roth Ryckman, of Buffalo, N. Y., stealing hair from a little girl.

On Monday morning the County Commissioners caused the issuing of circulars, offering a reward of \$25 in each case for the recapture of the prisoners. Descriptions of the men have been sent all over the country.

There were 11 prisoners in the lower jail at the time, and the four, who, for some reason or other, neglected to go, are Sherman Green, accused of pocket picking; John Searles, defrauding an innkeeper; Burt Over, jumping freight cars, and M. B. West, forgery.

The escape was made at about 8:30 in the evening and Squires was seen at the home of a friend in this city at 8:45. Ryckman is thought to have gone to his home on Center st., forced an entrance into the house, as there was no one at home and secured his kit of barber tools a revolver and also a pie. The neighbors thought a burglary was being committed, and notified the police.

On Thursday a sister of Dan Myers visited him, and he was overheard telling her to be sure and send him a pair of shoes and a pair of new pantaloons by Thursday noon.

On Sunday a large number of persons visited the jail to see where the prisoners had escaped. It is estimated that the visitors on Sunday numbered nearly 6,000, and Sheriff Kelly stated Monday that visitors would be admitted to the jail every day, until further notice, between the hours of 9 and 11 in the morning, and 2 and 5 in the afternoon.

Those who have seen the excavation seem to be of the opinion that the work could not have been accomplished in less than a week, but the Sheriff says that every cell in the lower jail was inspected on Thursday afternoon. The cell in which the earth was placed has been out of repair for some time. It was to have been fixed the latter part of the week, but the blacksmith did not arrive as soon as

was expected.

There are many who do not hesitate to accuse the Sheriff of carelessness, claiming that an ordinary display of caution would have averted the escape. They say that a mere glance into the abandoned cell would have exposed the whole plot, either on Friday or Saturday.

Officers of Youngstown telegraphed that they believed that two of the men had been caught in that city. Deputy Sheriff Hollinger went to Youngstown Sunday night, but the men being held there were not escaped prisoners from Akron.

HOW THEY ESCAPED.

The escape was effected by digging out from the basement, the earth removed being hidden in an empty cell. One of the pieces of flagging of which the floor of the jail is constructed was removed in the south corridor, and an excavation eight feet deep made straight down. At this depth the tunnelling under the wall began, it being necessary to continue southward from the first excavation about six feet to get outside of the wall. After clearing the wall, a hole about two feet square was dug upward to the surface of the ground, just outside the south wall, the hole being so large that the men could escape through it, one at a time, without much effort.

It is believed that the first man who got out must have inspected the condition of affairs outside, so as to inform the others whether the coast was clear. It was clear, and the other six men speedily followed the first.

The implements used in making the excavation were a couple of pieces of iron slats taken from a bed in the abandoned cell. Underneath the floor in the south corridor the earth is soft and could be dug out easily with the implements used. It is believed that the earth was carried in pillow slips from the excavation, and the task must have been a very laborious one, as there are nearly five wagon loads of dirt in the abandoned cell. Not even a grain of dirt was permitted to remain on the floor. The prisoners had a broom and the floor in the vicinity of the abandoned cell was kept remarkably clean.

All the advantages of the undertaking were on the side of the prisoners. The entrance to the lower jail is at the western end of the north corridor, and the excavation was made at a point about the middle of the south corridor. There are two benches in the jail for the prisoners to lounge upon while playing cards, and both these benches were placed over the piece of flagging under which the ex-

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"Who Said 'Campaign Opening?'"

DECLARED

He Was an Honest Republican When Arrested.

August Rudisill, a large man with a worried look, was arrested at the Union depot Saturday night, where he is alleged to have refused to pay for some lunch. It is further alleged that he stole fruit and sandwiches. Officer Martin Harris made the arrest. Rudisill declared that he was an honest man; that he came from Youngstown with the delegation from that city Saturday, and that he did not steal anything. His case was continued until Tuesday, while his record is being investigated. It is said that he is exceedingly well known to the Youngstown police, who have frequently arrested him.

PASTORS

Assigned by the Conference of the United Evangelical Church.

The ninth annual Ohio conference of the United Evangelical church closed Sunday evening. The conference was attended by 35 ministers and laymen. The assignment of ministers was made Saturday night. Rev. W. S. Harpster was returned to the First United Evangelical church. This is his fourth and last year in Akron as four years is the limit for remaining at one place. He will also have charge of the mission in South Akron and was re-elected conference trustee for a period of five years.

The other assignments follow:

Western district—W. W. Sherrick, presiding elder; L. N. Bever, Lancaster; A. Swartz, Cedar Hill; P. F. Devaux, Baltimore; N. B. Nieble, Zion; H. B. Summers, Johnsville; W. E. Bailey, Columbus, Wesley ave.; W. E. Smith, Miller ave.; J. H. Schweisberger, Carey; H. V. Summers, Findlay; T. R. Smith, Lorain; J. L. Boyer, Brownhelm; B. S. Hughes, Siam.

Eastern district—S. E. Rife, presiding elder, Akron; N. W. Sager, Canton, First church; M. M. Rader, Canton, Trinity church; J. W. Johnson, Summit; G. A. Smoke, Cleveland; A. Evans, Crystal Park; L. R. Herbst, Greensburg; H. W. Espy, Youngstown; J. A. Grim, Delightful; P. E. Smoke, Austintown; H. A. Hensel, Stark.

Rev. L. R. Herbst was ordained a deacon Sunday afternoon. Bishop Dubs preached the ordination sermon Sunday morning. William E. Seesholtz, of Lancaster, Walter E. Smith, of Hagerstown, Md., and J. W. Johnson, of Summit were voted licenses to preach on trial.

The members of the Trial committee are: W. W. Sherrick, A. Schwartz, W. S. Harpster, J. H. Schweisberger, J. A. Grimm, and P. F. Devaux.

ZOLA.

Eminent Author Is Dead.

Accidental Asphyxiation Ended His Life.

His Latter Days Were Full of Bitterness.

Paris, Sept. 28.—Emile Zola died this morning of asphyxiation, the result of an accident. Madame Zola is seriously ill. The novelist died at 9 o'clock.

Madame Zola, who was sleeping in the chamber with her husband, was only saved by artificial respiration. Zola's body was found lying on the floor.

Zola's death is surrounded by the greatest mystery which has occasioned reports that he committed suicide.

Dr. LeNormand, who was summoned by the author's servants, arrived too late. He states that death was due to asphyxiation by oxide of carbon, which was emitted from a stove found burning in the room when the physician arrived.

For a quarter of a century past the name of M. Zola has been continually before French literary circles as well as those of the whole world of letters. From the beginning of his novel writing in 1868, he has produced one piece of fiction after another, gaining for himself a name as the most prolific writer France has ever had.

The work of Zola has been perhaps the most peculiar mingling of the sensational and the conservative in the history of present day literature. One novel from his pen could never be taken as an index of what the next would be. One would be pronounced sensational, while perhaps the very next piece of fiction would be the other extreme.

From his boyhood Zola, himself of Jewish extraction, has been a defender of the down-trodden race. This championship brought him much trouble. His connection with the Dreyfus case but added to the hatred already felt against the novelist by the anti-Semite, and the last three years of his life were made miserable by the petty annoyances which only hatred can invent.

The honors bestowed on the novelist, outside of the plaudits of a coterie of admirers, were few. Perhaps the only great mark of distinction bestowed on him by the literary authorities of his land was his appointment to the Legion of Honor in 1888. Even this honor was taken from him when his exile was ordered.

All efforts on his part to obtain the distinction dear to the heart of every French writer, a membership in the Royal academy, was met with the op-

position of his anti-Semite haters and frustrated.

Emile Zola was born in Paris April 2, 1840. His first novel which attracted particular attention appeared in 1863, while he was employed in a publishing house. It was "Comtesse A Ninon."

TELEGRAM

Told Rev. C. L. Alsopach of His Mother's Death.

Rev. C. L. Alsopach, pastor of the Grace Reformed church, received a telegram Sunday, announcing the death of his mother at Thornewille, O. She was 71 years old. Rev. Alsopach had been visiting his mother last week and she appeared to be recovering when he returned to Akron. He left Monday for Thornewille.

ALGER

Will Tie Up With No Machine.

Goes Back to Senate With Hands Free.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 28.—Following the withdrawal on Saturday last from the U. S. senatorial race of D. M. Ferry, Governor Bliss, yesterday afternoon gave instructions to his private secretary at Lansing to make out a commission for General Russell A. Alger, as United States Senator, to succeed the late Senator James McMillan, and to forward the paper to him at Saginaw today for his signature. The commission will be signed as soon as it arrives and will be placed in General Alger's hands as soon thereafter as possible. Governor Bliss regards the situation as particularly fortunate, as it gives him the opportunity to appoint the man demanded by the people, without antagonizing any element of his party.

Gen. Alger will today send Governor Bliss his formal acceptance of the Senatorial appointment. The General has been in receipt of many telegrams of congratulations, including several from other United States Senators, and he expresses gratification at the appointment and the attitude with which the news has been received by the public. He says:

"There will be no affiliation on my part with any so-called machine. I never got anything by barter in my life, and I am too old to begin now, even had the opportunity been offered. Mine has been an independent campaign, and I purpose remaining free, untrammelled, save by the wishes of the people."

THE WEATHER:

WARMER; SHOWERS PROBABLE.

LIGHT-FINGERED

Gentry Were Busy In Akron Saturday.

Housebreakers and Pickpockets Made Many Small Hauls.

As had been expected by the local police, a large number of light-fingered gentry were in Akron Saturday to attend the opening of the Republican State campaign, and they achieved some results. A few suspicious characters were arrested and others were driven out of town. The burglaries thus far reported to the Police were as follows:

S. E. Phinney's residence, 110 Kuder ave., entered some time Saturday afternoon, while all the people were away. Everything in the house was ransacked and things turned topsy turvy. Even the bed ticks were cut open, the burglars thinking perhaps they might contain hidden valuables. Two watch chains and a stick pin, valued in all at \$30, are missing. The burglars evidently used a key or picked the lock.

While the house of W. H. Metz, 212 Beck ave., was left empty between 2 and 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, burglars entered, by cutting a screen door and manipulating the lock with a nipper. The property missing is \$8 in pennies, a lady's gold watch and chain, a

large oval ring, two small rings and a brooch, valued at \$45 in all.

Nathan D. Snyder, 108 Merriman st., reports that his house was visited while he and his family were down town. A key was used here. Four gold rings, one bracelet and a pair of earrings, valued in all at \$20, were stolen.

H. F. Ruman's house, 107 Long st., was entered Saturday night, the thieves gaining entry by prying a screen out of a rear window. One pair of grey trousers, a silver watch, gold chain and \$5 in money are gone.

A number of people reported that they were robbed on the streets some time during the day. Their names and the property missing, are as follows:

Alfred Tanner, Creston, purse containing \$10; Arta Myers, 318 Cuyahoga st., purse containing \$10; H. N. Chaplin, 1021½ Bowery, silver watch and chain; Charles Schultz, 106 Boulevard, five \$5 gold pieces and a silver dollar; Mrs. Nancy Smith, Fairlawn, purse containing \$7; J. W. Barr, 253 East Tallmadge ave., \$1; J. Jagers, Greensburg, gold watch.

"Too Many Vice Presidents And Members of Committees."

A week of quiet politically will follow the Republican campaign opening of Saturday. There rarely is much doing in politics in Akron during fall week, but immediately thereafter hard work will begin. Arrangements will be made for a great meeting when Mayor Johnson speaks here, Thursday, Oct. 16. Auditor Sisler and others will be asked to occupy front seats.

The talk in Republican ranks and elsewhere about Saturday's meeting today is that Akron and Summit county did not play the part they should have performed. Chairman Beery accounted for the small number of Akron people in the parade by saying that there were so many men on the Reception committee that the rank and file were not organized. The Ward clubs which were to have been a big part of the parade, wholly failed to materialize. There was a lack of spirit and enthusiasm all the way through.

It is conceded that Akron as a city

did its part well in all but one respect. "The street cars should have been stopped on those streets along the line of march while the parade was passing," said Mr. E. A. Hershey, Monday. "It is done in all other cities, great and small, and should have been done here."

Chairman C. F. Beery is well pleased with the showing made Saturday. "The opening has more than met my expectations," he said Monday. "It seemed to me that it was one of the biggest gatherings ever held here. One of the noticeable things about the crowd was the desire to get to the speakers' stand in Grace park."

"What have you to say about Akron's contingent in the parade?" was asked.

"That is accounted for by the fact that the local people were not well organized. Then again the old soldiers marched alone and many of the local Republicans were busy with their duties as members of the Reception committee and as vice presidents."

Another Row In Spain's Royal Family

Madrid, Sept. 28.—A sensational scandal has occurred in the royal family. King Alfonso has discovered that his mother, during her recent journey to Austria, was secretly and moragnated, locally married to her master of horse, Count Escosura. The Queen mother years ago plighted her troth with the count and intended to marry him, until for state reasons she was compelled

to marry Alfonso's father. When Alfonso learned of his mother's marriage he became wildly enraged and violently abused the Queen, ordering her to retire to the provinces, or better still, to go abroad with her husband.

The Queen indignantly refused to obey the young King's orders and the outcome is impossible to foresee.

CHAIRMAN

For Sub-Committees For Convention

Of the Y. P. C. U. To Be Held Here Next Year.

A rally, the first of a number to arouse interest in the national convention of the Young People's Christian union, was largely attended at the Universalist church Sunday evening. The following chairmen of sub-committees have been appointed with power to name members of their respective committees: Reception, Mrs. Wm. Weaver; Registration, Miss Antoinette Federle; Entertainment, Mrs. Grace Harter; Mrs. L. H. Homan; Music, Mrs. Jessie Hoover; Decorations, A. T. Kingsbury; Finances, J. A. Arbogast; Press, C. C. Carlton; Pulpit Supply, Prof. O. E. Olin; Special Outing, Prof. John B.

COMRADES

Of the Ties and "Side-Door Pullman" Came to Grief.

Three comrades of the road, Joseph Price, Emerson Jones and Frank Connors, who were traveling eastward from Chicago by freight train, were arrested in South Akron Saturday by Officer Heckathorne and locked up on a charge of clinging to a moving train. They told stories of hard luck, but failed to impress the Mayor in Police court Monday morning. They were fined \$5 and costs each.

TENTED CITY.

Preparations For the Big Fair Go Forward Rapidly.

Fountain Park has the appearance today of a tented city. The sideshow men, the "men with the greatest wonders of the age," the proverbial fakir—all have arrived and are busy erecting their tents so that the business of raking in dimes can be proceeded with immediately on the opening of the fair. The entries are arriving and being cared for. Nearly all of the trotters and pacers that will go in the races

have arrived and are being worked out on the track. "Olliver W." the racing ostrich, arrived in the city Monday morning, and will be in condition to speed his long legs around the course in fast time.

The office of the Agricultural society will be moved tomorrow to the Fair grounds. Tuesday will be another busy day, but everything will be prepared for the opening on Wednesday, which is also Children's day.

Canton-Akron Cars Will Start From Waiting Room

The first regular Canton-Akron car to come down town arrived at the N. O. T. waiting room Monday morning at 10 o'clock. All the cars will be run down into the city from now on and will leave the waiting room on Main st. every hour. The car had hard work rounding the curve at the corner of Main and Market sts. The wet track

was responsible for this. The fifth attempt was successful.

The car carried 25 members of the local Street Railwaymen's union. The party went to Canton to attend the funeral of James Shettler, the Canton-Massillon conductor, who was shot by Melvin Smith. Shettler died Saturday afternoon. Smith is still in jail,